

ISLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

March 23, 2016

The Island County Council of Governments on March 23, 2016 met in the Commissioners' Hearing Room 102B, located at 1 NE 6th St., Coupeville.

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<http://www.islandcounty.net/commissioners/cog/2016/>

Members Present: Curt Gordon, Commissioner, South Whidbey Port District Commissioner - Chair
Richard M. Hannold, Island County Commissioner
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Doug Merriman, City of Oak Harbor Administrator
Molly Hughes, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Tim Callison, Mayor of Langley
Mike Diamanti, Port of Coupeville Commissioner

Also Present: Lori Clark, ILIO Coordinator
Ryan White, ILIO Planner
Doug Coutts, South Whidbey Parks

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Price Johnson and seconded by Mayor Callison to approve the minutes as amended of the February 24, 2016 regular meeting.

ILIO OVERVIEW AND PROJECT SUCCESSES

Presented by Lori Clark

Ms. Clark made a PowerPoint Presentation of the Island County Local Integrating Organization (ILIO) successes and purposes. She discussed the importance of shared goals, regional perspective, limited resources, and responsible stewardship.

Chair Gordon asked Ms. Clark how projects are funded.

Ms. Clark described the allocation of funds and the various state agencies that provide the funding.

Commissioner Price Johnson further discussed the process of funding allocation and how the funding is acquired.

Ms. Clark explained the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) to the new members of the Council of Governments. She clarified the leveraging funding for 2014-2015 Projects - Near Term Actions (NTAs) and the importance to get involved to promote the projects needed in their areas. She discussed the various entities and organizations that make up the ILIO.

STATE AUDITOR ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012-2015 - *Item was moved to April 27th, 2016 meeting.*

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT - RCDEF

Presented by Mayor Molly Hughes

Mayor Hughes explained the three changes that were requested by the council members at the February 24th meeting.

- The two application cycles will allow both large and personnel projects
- Changes to the cycle start dated and process

- Consolidated the EDC review/comments into the COG approval cycle to save time in the process

Commissioner Price Johnson said if there are no corrections or additions, the subcommittee recommend the Council move forward with putting out the request for applications as of April 1st, 2016.

Chair Gordon said there was only a slight correction to the first sentence of the document. He thinks the subcommittee did a great job in capturing everything that was discussed in the previous meeting.

Commissioner Price Johnson moved the Council of Governments accept the redesigned process with the correction to the first sentence to substitute of with the word through, to move forward with this cycle understanding that in future years the cycle will be moved up a month; Mayor Hughes seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Application cycles were discussed. The cycle will begin April 1st and application presentations will be made in May. Next year the call to bid will take place in February.

DISCUSSION OF ON .09 FUNDS CALL TO BID PRESS RELEASE

There were no revisions to the press release. Applications and forms were not revised. The acceptance of the redesigned process serves as authorization for staff to send out the press release.

OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Items for future discussion:

- Shortage of housing
 - Incorporate discussions with the Navy base, housing authority, and cities; response to the housing needs
 - Presentations and strategies from the cities, county and realtors
 - Housing affordability
 - Set up quarterly or monthly housing meetings
- Economic Development
- EDC Annual Report Presentation, Tourism Group - June
- Port Presentations
- Parks Presentations - South Whidbey Parks, North Whidbey Parks, WA State Parks, Island County Parks – July
- Invite legislators to speak to council - Senator Patty Murray, Senator Cantwell, Congressman Rick Larsen – late Summer or early Fall

Chair Gordon provided an update on the Port of South Whidbey.

Ron Nelson from the EDC discussed the Navy impact on housing, tourism and traffic.

ITEMS TO DISCUSS AT APRIL MEETING

- State Auditor Annual Report for 2012-2015
- Navy Representative
- Island County Mental Health Assessment Presentation – Laura Luginbill
- Port Presentations

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

The Council of Governments will meet next on April 27th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Approved this 27th day of April, 2016.

Council of Governments,

Curt Gordon, Chair